CITE CAIRO

TO: DIRECTOR, TEHRAN.

RYBAT ADMIN SECUR

REF: DIRECTOR

1. COORDINATING WITH RSO AND EMBASSY TO MAKE
   ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. HELMS TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR
   HELMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE DURING VISIT TO EGYPT. WILL ALSO
   COORDINATE WITH LIAISON FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY COVERAGE.
   RSO ADVISES IT POSSIBLE REQUEST EGYPTIAN BODYGUARD FROM
   STATE SECURITY TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR THROUGHOUT VISIT.
   INCLUDING THOSE PORTIONS MR. HELMS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
   COVER. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH US TO TRY ARRANGE
   BODYGUARD.

2. WE CONTINUE WORKING ON RESERVATIONS REQUESTED PARA
   2 REF, BUT SO FAR UNABLE CONFIRM ANY HOTEL SPACE.
   WILL PROVIDE OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MR. HELMS IF WE
   CANNOT GET HOTEL HERE. FLIGHT RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE NO
   PROBLEM BUT HOTELS IN LUXOR AND ASWAN FULLY BOOKED, WILL
   ADVISE.

3. UPON ARRIVAL CAIRO, OFFICER SHOULD CONTACT
   FOR INFORMATION ON CAIRO ACCOMMODATIONS. RSO
   PLANNING'S HOME TELEPHONE IS 36045 RPT 36045 OR EMBASSY
   NUMBER 22219 RPT 22219 (EXT 358). EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSED
   SUNDAY, 7 MAR CH.

4. WE DOING BEST WE CAN FOR HELMS' SECURITY, FROM
   WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN VARIOUS AMERICAN VIP VISITS THIS
   PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, IT CLEAR AMBASSADOR'S WELFARE WILL DE-
   PEND ON EGYPTIAN SECURITY, WHICH IS QUITE EFFECTIVE, RATHER
   THAN ON U.S. BODYGUARDS.
I. WE CANNOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY TO HRS. ONCE AGAIN, THAT IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE ACQUIRE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CAIRO AND OTHER EGYPTIAN TOURIST SITES ON SHORT NOTICE. FOR EXAMPLE, EMBASSY PRESENTLY UNABLE LOCATE ADEQUATE HOTEL SPACE FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON'S PARTY ARRIVING NEXT MONTH, EVEN PENSIONS OVER-BOOKED.

6. BOTH AND RSO WOULD APPRECIATE SOME EXPLANATION WHY REQUEST COULD NOT BE HANDLED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS. RSO HAS WORKED WITH BEFORE AND IS SOMEWHAT MIKFED AT HAVING TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION THROUGH CHANNELS ONLY. IF WE MAY BE BIT GRATUITOUS, BELIEVE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF SITUATION IN FUTURE IS TO MAKE FIRM DECISION DURING INITIATING PLANNING STAGES AS TO JUST WHO IS AND IS NOT GOING TO MAKE UP PARTY. IF THERE IS DOUBT ABOUT PERSON OR ANOTHER, ADD HIS/HER NAME ANYWAY SINCE THERE NO TROUBLE CANCELLING HOTEL RESERVATIONS. ALL ADMIN ASPECTS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE HANDLED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS FROM BEGINNING, WITH PROVIDING BACKUP ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUIRED. E2, IMPDET, SECRET